



THOMAS ROSS, M. D.

On the morning of the 11th of February Dr. Thomas Ross, councilor for the eighth district and an ex-president of the State Society, died at his home in Sacramento from cerebral hemorrhage. Dr. Ross was president of the State Society in 1901, and in the transactions for that year appeared the following brief biography:

Thomas Ross was born of Highland Scotch parents in Lancaster, Ontario, Canada, on November 26, 1839. He was educated in the Glengarry County Grammar School in St. Andrew's Academy, Argenteuil county, Quebec, and in the University of McGill, Montreal, where he graduated in 1863, receiving the degree of M. D. C. M. Dr. Ross located in Lancaster, his native town, until 1864, when he came to California and located in Woodland, Yolo county, where he practiced medicine until 1893; then he came to Sacramento to take charge of the practice of Dr. M. Gardner, the former chief surgeon of the S. P. Co., during his visit to Europe. Dr. Ross was county physician of Yolo county for four years and mayor of Woodland from 1891 to 1893, when he resigned. He was always inter-

ested in the work of local and state medical societies. He was the first president of the Yolo County Medical Society, treasurer of the Medical Society of the State of California, from 1895 to 1900, when, at the session in San Francisco, he was elected president. Dr. Ross had been a member of the State Medical Society since 1871, and had the honor of being a permanent member. He had been chairman of several standing committees, and read several papers before the society. Dr. Ross had been physician to the Southern Pacific Company's hospital in Sacramento, president of the Sacramento City Board of Health and president of the Board of Examining Surgeons for Pensions in Sacramento. Dr. Ross presided at the annual session of the society held in Sacramento in April, 1901, which was one of the most successful meetings in the history of the society.

Those who have been habitual attendants at the meetings of the State Society will miss Dr. Ross very much. He was one of the most regular attendants, and his pleasant word and cheerful smile had come to be almost official parts of a meeting of the State Society.

#### THE TASK OF THE WEEKLY MEDICAL JOURNAL.

Under this head our esteemed contemporary, *The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, laments that more and more is expected of it year after year. The specialist on the one hand and the general practitioner on the other, each seem to want to find in his weekly medical paper something suited to his taste. To us this frank statement of the wants of the profession "up Boston way" does not seem to disclose a revolutionary state of affairs. It is easy to believe that both specialists and men in general work might want to find something in the *Journal*, that they pay \$5 a year for, that would be interesting and instructive.

Admitting that the implied self-accusation is well founded, which we only do for the sake of the argument, and deprecating to the full the extremely large piece of humble pie which our contemporary proceeds

to eat in public, what ought to be done to satisfy the rapacity of the readers of *The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*? Is there no way in which they can be made to take a less Oliver Twist-like attitude? Can they not be led to see the unusual, the unprecedented, the really embarrassing position in which their unappeased appetite for medical knowledge places the proprietors of "The Old Corner Book Store"?

Perhaps, after all, our over-modest contemporary has overestimated the wants of his readers. Surely it would be necessary to trephine any proper Massachusetts doctor before the idea could be introduced into his brain that "The Old Corner Book Store" or most any other old corner thing could be improved, provided that it had been born and bred in Massachusetts and had never been out of the state.—*Journal of the Medical Society of New Jersey*.